

FEMALE PATRIOTS.

THE ORIGINAL OFFICERS DRAW OUT.

Something About a Throne For Kapiolani, the Relict of Kalakaua.

A large gathering of Hawaiian women of the Patriotic League assembled at Arion Hall at 8 o'clock yesterday morning for the purpose of presenting their memorial to Commissioner Blount.

Mrs. F. W. Macfarlane, the President, arrived during the morning, and tendered her resignation, because her memorial had been rejected by the League. The following Honorary Presidents likewise resigned their offices: Mesdames T. R. Foster, F. S. Pratt and S. C. Allen. Several of the lady members gave notice of their intention to sever their connection with the League. The Treasurer and Honorary Secretary, Mesdames W. M. Giffard and C. P. Ward, also resigned their positions. Vice-President Mrs. C. O. Berger was another to withdraw from the association.

As soon as these announcements were made, the remaining members of the League, consisting chiefly of native women with a sprinkling of half-castes, elected the following ladies to fill the vacancies:

President, Mrs. James Campbell. Vice-Presidents, Mrs. J. A. Cummins and Mrs. Grace Kahalewai. Secretary, Mrs. Chas. K. Stillman.

Treasurer, Mrs. Abr. Fernandez. A committee was then appointed to present the memorial to Commissioner Blount, consisting of Mesdames James Campbell, J. A. Cummins, Chas. K. Stillman, Jessie Kaae, Hattie K. Hiram, Lala Mahelona and J. Nawahi.

The ladies were handsomely dressed for the occasion. They left the Hall and were conveyed to the Commissioner's cottage in hacks. The large assembly of native women patiently awaited the return of their committee.

The retiring officers it is said have been suspected by the victorious wing of the ladies league in conspiring to put ex-Queen Dowager Kapiolani on the throne. When ex-President Mrs. F. W. Macfarlane drew her memorial, a rumor was quickly transported throughout the leading native members of the league that certain haole lawyers were working silently among the members of the league for a petition to put Kapiolani on the throne. When the half-white and full-blooded native women got wind of this report they made up their minds to be on the alert when the memorial came up for its first reading. When it did come up a week ago, a number of native women soon raised an objection because Liliuokalani's name was omitted. Explanations from the officers were of no avail, as the suspicion was overwhelming against them. Although Mrs. Macfarlane and a number of the most influential half-white ladies of the league have resigned, the association will be continued under Mrs. Campbell, and strife is promised to be at an end, at least for the present. The remaining members, which is by no means small, are enthusiastic over their newly elected officers. They blame the retired officers for not possessing Christian forbearance, for the first unpleasantness found them leaving the league. The retiring officers, however, say that they do not enjoy attending quarrelsome meetings like the last two or three.

Although the retiring President had drawn up a memorial and had also fixed a day with Commissioner Blount for presenting the memorial she cancelled the appointment and has given up altogether any idea of presenting it.

The following is a copy of the ladies address to the Commissioner:

To His Excellency JAMES H. BLOUNT, Special Commissioner and Diplomatic Representative of the U. S. Government in Hawaii.

HONORED SIR: It is as a committee of Hawaiian women of the Hui Aloha Aina that we are here to-day, delegated to respectfully extend to you, Sir, and to Mrs. Blount, a most hearty welcome to our shores.

Moreover, as the representative of the United States of America, sent to investigate into the present deplorable disturbed situation of these islands, we are here to greet you, to invoke for you that the Great and Merciful God may send you full light in your work, and to submit to you a memorial drawn and adopted by our Hui.

The Hawaiians, as a nation, are justly noted for their peaceful disposition and their respect for established law; the fairer sex especially is wont to live contentedly in the retirement and domestic tranquility of their homes, although we can boast from past history that Hawaii has produced women of strong, admirable character, who have been worthy and devoted helpmates to our chiefs, in war and political ruling. But it is an unprecedented fact to see all the women of this fair land arise in a

body, of all ages and conditions, to take part in public meetings in which all differences of political parties and creeds are set aside and forgotten; and it must be an extraordinary, vital event that brings them out to the front.

This event is the blow that threatens the life and precious independence of the beloved Hawaii and the continuance of its legitimate monarchy. There has been here a violent crisis, caused by disloyal scheming aliens, who, for their own selfish purposes and, we are very sorry to say, aided and abetted by the United States forces, to this ingenious pretext to overthrow the legitimate queen, just when she was trying to comply with her people's wishes.

They establish a Provisional Government in which the natives had no voice, and rushed off to Washington to barter away the country, the public lands and the civil rights of the inhabitants, falsely pretending to represent the whole nation.

This revolution has been a blow to all true hearts, and men and women alike have felt that it was a duty to solemnly protest. The men organized for this purpose the Hawaiian Patriotic League, by the Hui Aloha Aina, and their mothers, wives and daughters rallied with enthusiasm all over the group to assist them through our Woman's Patriotic League.

In this common effort of the Hawaiian nation, the women of Hawaii do not intend to enter into any political consideration, but they are inspired solely by the desire of saving themselves and to their posterity the independence of their native kingdom. They are moved by the wish of protesting against the movement which menaces to destroy the dearest privilege of nationality and citizenship of our children are entitled by birth and right.

The women of Hawaii may not be able to judge of all the economical aspects of the proposed annexation to the United States, but, as people's wives and mothers, they remember that just forty years ago a movement of similar nature had been started, the American missionaries who had brought here the knowledge of the Living God and the advantages of Christian civilization, and who have educated them and their children, then opposed annexation with all their might, saying that the effects of it "would be disastrous to the native race."

As the same reasons that prompted our respected American missionary teachers still exist, just as potent today as then, if not more so, we are willing to regard their worthy authority and we proclaim that we, the women of Hawaii, want to preserve the autonomy of our country sacred for our children, who have no other lands to seek for their homes.

We have been inspired by the least hostility against the United States or their institutions; on the contrary, we have learned to honor and regard them as a kindly neighbor, a just friend and a magnanimous protector for this defenceless kingdom; and we have always extended to the United States subjects and naval officers the most hospitable welcome.

But we have been sorely grieved by the strange and inhuman conduct of some Americans in their violent and unprovoked and unprovoked methods against our Queen Liliuokalani, who has won our respect by her consistent regard for her people's wishes, and who is entitled to all our sympathies through the insults that have been heaped on Her Majesty not only as a Sovereign but also as a woman. May God help her for her Christian demeanor and forbearance in her trials!

Heretofore we have kept silent under great provocation, feeling strong in the justice of our cause and the impartiality of the U. S. Government; but now we come to implore you and the great nation you represent. Therefore kindly accept, duly consider and please transmit to President Cleveland the memorial herewith submitted, and with Aloha Nui your humble petitioners will ever pray.

MEMORIAL.
To His Excellency JAMES H. BLOUNT, Special Commissioner of the United States to Hawaii.

We, the women of the Hawaiian Islands, for our families and the happiness of our homes, desire peace and political quiet, and we pray that men's greed for power and spoils shall not be allowed to disturb the otherwise happy life of these islands, and that the revolutionary agitations and disturbances, inaugurated by a few foreigners, may be forever suppressed.

To that effect, we believe that, in the light of recent events, the peace and welfare and honor of both America and Hawaii will be better served by the present, if the government of the Great American Republic does not countenance the illegal conduct and interference of its Representatives here, and the rash wish of a minority of foreigners for annexation.

Therefore, we respectfully but earnestly pray that Hawaii may be granted the preservation of its independent autonomy and the restoration of its legitimate national monarchy under our Queen, Liliuokalani, in whom we have full confidence.

And we hope that the distinguished citizen who so wisely presides over the United States may kindly receive this, our petition, for which we shall evermore pray for God's blessing on him and his government.

[Signed] MRS. JAMES CAMPBELL, President of Committee.
MRS. J. A. CUMMINS,
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MISS HATTIE HIRAM,
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After the ladies emerged from the Commissioner's cottage they did not appear to be very enthusiastic. A few words uttered by Mr. Blount dampened their hopes. It is reported that he gave them to understand that he did not have the power to restore deposed monarchs. A reporter of the Hawaiian Star saw the Commissioner who spoke of the matter in this way:

I accepted the memorial as I do any other fact contributing to information in reference to the condition of things in the Hawaiian Islands. I do not mean to be understood as indicating any line of conduct to be pursued by the President, but only that facts presented by persons connected with the several parties found in the Islands would be gathered and reported as a matter of information to the home government. I have always declined to commit the Government of the United States to any line of conduct in relation to affairs in these Islands.

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